

Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

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Summary

The Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP), Chapter 1607 is designed to provide educational assistance to members of the Ready Reserve who were called or ordered to Active Duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operation) as declared by the president or congress. REAP is a Department of Defense benefit program through which Reserve Component Soldiers can receive monetary assistance for their educational needs through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This program ensures that Reservists who were activated for at least 90 days following September 11, 2001 are eligible for benefits or increased benefits.

Unlike the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)-Active Duty, Chapter 30 benefit, Service members are not required to pay into REAP. The only eligibility criteria is at least 90 consecutive days of Active Duty service (Title 10 or Title 32) beginning on or after 11 September 2001, under one of the qualifying operations. Soldiers are eligible to utilize Chapter 1607 upon reaching the 90-day point in the operation and may continue using the benefit while in a drilling status and for ten years from their date of separation from the Selected Reserve, as long as they have completed a service contract, or until exhausting 36 months of entitlement.

Disabled members who are injured or have an illness or disease that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty and are released from Active Duty before completing 90 consecutive days are also eligible.

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Monthly Payment Rates for Full-Time Institutional Attendance

Length of Mobilization	Percentage of the MGIB-AD 3-year Rate
90 days but less than one year	40%
One year but less than two years	60%
Two continuous years or more	80%
Cumulative mobilizations of three or more years	80%

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Quick Guide: How to apply for REAP, Chapter 1607

1. Obtain required documents (DD Form 214 (Certification of Discharge from Active Duty) and DD Form 2384-1 (Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE))
2. Complete VA Form 22-1990 (Application for Education Benefits) online or with a VA representative
3. Provide copies of the required documents to the VA or VA school official

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who is eligible for REAP?

- A. On or after 11 September 2001, Reserve Component Soldiers may receive educational assistance under REAP provided:
- Servicemember was mobilized for 90 days or more in support of a contingency operation defined in section 10 US Code (USC) 101 (a)(13).
 - Servicemember may be eligible for full-time National Guard duty performed under 32 USC 502(f) between 11 September 2001 and 31 May 2002 for 90 consecutive days or more in response to a Presidential or Secretary of Defense declaration of a national emergency supported by federal funds. Servicemembers should contact their GI Bill Manager to verify their eligibility.
 - Servicemember was ordered to active service in either of the first two categories above and released before completing 90 consecutive days because of an injury, illness or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

Q. How long are Soldiers eligible for REAP?

- A. A member called or ordered to active service while serving in the Selected Reserve remains entitled to benefits under REAP only by continuing to serve in the Selected Reserve. A member called or ordered to active service from the IRR remains entitled to benefits under REAP by continuing to serve in the Ready Reserve (either SELRES or IRR).

Q. What training can a Soldier take under REAP?

- A. Approved training under REAP includes graduate and undergraduate degrees, vocational/technical training, on-the-job or apprenticeship training, correspondence training, and flight training.

Q. How many months of REAP assistance can a Soldier receive?

- A. A Soldier is entitled to 36 months of REAP assistance after serving the minimum 90 days. When a Soldier uses two or more education programs, there is a 48 month limitation.

Q. What is the Chapter 1607 Buy-Up Program?

- A. The Chapter 1607 Buy-Up Program allows Soldiers who are in the Ready Reserve to contribute up to \$600 in order to increase their monthly benefit payments. For every \$20 contributed the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will increase the Soldier's monthly Chapter 1607 payment by \$5. A full \$600 contribution will increase a Soldier's monthly payment rate by \$150. Soldiers utilizing the full 36 months of entitlement will receive a total of \$5,400 in Buy-Up payment increases for their \$600 contribution.

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Links

- [Army National Guard Education, Incentives and Employment: Reserve Educational Assistance Program, Chapter 1607](#)
This website provides an overview of the REAP, information about rates, and details about how to apply.
- [Army National Guard Education, Incentives and Employment Homepage](#)
This comprehensive website serves as the premier source for education, incentives, and employment services information as it applies to Army National Guard Soldiers.
- [Department of Veterans Affairs – Reserve Educational Assistance Program \(REAP\)](#)
This website provides an overview about the REAP, \$600 Buy-Up Program, and other VA Programs.

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References

Regulations

- [Directive Type Memorandum \(DTM\) 08040 – Revised Program of Educational Assistance Authorized by Chapter 1607 of Title 10, United States Code](#)
- [EIOM 10-004 \(IN\), Army National Guard \(ARNG\) Reserve Educational Assistance Program \(REAP\) – \(Chapter 1607 of Title 10 United States Code\) Guidance](#)

Documents and Forms

- DD Form 214, Certification of Discharge from Active Duty
- DD Form 2384-1, Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE)
- [National Guard Education, Incentives and Employment: Education Benefits Handbook](#)
- [National Guard Education, Incentives and Employment: Education Sell Sheet](#)
- [VA Form 22-1990, Application for Education Benefits](#)
- [VA Pamphlet 22-05-1, Reserve Education Assistance Program \(REAP\) Chapter 1607 Title 10, U.S. Code](#)

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Points of Contact

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